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FM AMCONSUL GUANGZHOU  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7981  
AMEMBASSY BEIJING  
INFO AMCONSUL HONG KONG  
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE IM/PS/CR/TRY Date: 3/19/97  
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E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: ELAB, PHUM, CH, US  
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PRISON LABOR VIOLATIONS IN GUANGZHOU

REFS: (A) STATE 204153 (B) STATE 19290

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST'S AUGUST 16 EDITION  
REPORTS THAT AT LEAST THREE REEDUCATION CAMPS IN AND  
AROUND GUANGZHOU OPERATE ESSENTIALLY AS FACTORIES  
PRODUCING GOODS FOR EXPORT, SOME OF WHICH REACH THE U.S.

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THE LENGTHY ARTICLE, WHICH WAS BASED LARGELY ON AN  
INTERVIEW WITH A FORMER REEDUCATION CAMP INMATE, NAMES  
THE GUANGZHOU NYLON KNITTING AND DYEING FACTORY, THE  
SANSUI XIAN FARM, AND THE CHA TAU ISLAND CAMP. INMATES  
WHO HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP IN LOCAL VICE CRACKDOWNS  
REPORTEDLY WORK LONG HOURS PRODUCING CLOTHES, TOYS, AND  
UMBRELLAS WHICH ARE THEN SHIPPED TO HONG KONG FOR FINAL  
ASSEMBLY AND ON TO THE U.S.

3. OUR READING OF THE PRISON LABOR MOU (REF A) SUGGESTS  
THAT GOODS PRODUCED AT THESE CAMPS ARE COVERED UNDER THE  
TERM "PENAL LABOR." OUR UNDERSTANDING IS BASED ON REF B  
(DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS ON A DRAFT TEXT) WHICH STATES THAT  
THE MOU MUST COVER ALL FACILITIES, INCLUDING REEDUCATION  
AND REFORM CAMPS. IF DEPARTMENT AGREES, PLEASE ADVISE  
WHETHER WE SHOULD SEEK TO ARRANGE VISITS TO THE THREE

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CAMPS FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION.

4. FOR BEIJING: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER U.S. CUSTOMS  
REPRESENTATIVE GORMAN WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN  
SUCH A VISIT. HARTER

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